

newsounds calendar

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A Bomb Drops!

Personally, I like to be able to depend upon a few things in this world of popular music. There are a few groups (very few) who have come up with a new level of excellence in popular music. I like to look forward to their next singles and/or albums.

The Beatles, whatever their personal problems may be, have never disappointed me musically. They continue to go beyond my expectations. I just hope that they don't get their minds so messed up that they can no longer function as musicians.

One of the best newsounds albums ever made was "Pet Sounds" by **The Beach Boys**. Then came "Good Vibrations." It was so beautifully produced and written that I'll never get tired of listening to it.

There has been a lot of talk for nearly a year

about their new single, "Heroes and Villains." I looked forward to hearing it. Talk about a letdown! It has got to be the bomb of the year. It is badly written, badly produced and messily performed.

I don't think any amount of exposure and brainwashing will make me like this one.

To add insult to injury, the new **Eric Burdon & The Animals** came in. It's a big joke. It's called "San Franciscan Nights" and if it ever gets on the air, you'll see what I mean.

A nice note about **Gracie of The Airplane**. She was in tears after the way they were received at the Coliseum recently and **Mark Schaffer** (equipment manager of the **fever tree**) comforted her. Recent-

SUNDAY
The Matchbox—Love Street, 8:30 PM to 12:30 AM
MONDAY
The Matchbox—Love Street, 8:30 PM to 2 AM
TUESDAY
fever tree—Angleton Fair Grounds
Mid-Niters—Conroe Ball Room
The Matchbox—Love Street, 8:30 PM to 2 AM
WEDNESDAY
Dante's Inferno—Carousel, 9190 Old Katy Road
The Rebellers—Fun Corral, 9801 Airline, 8 PM to Midnight
fever tree—Love Street
THURSDAY
fever tree—Love Street
FRIDAY
Dante's Inferno—Fun Corral, 9801 Airline
The Blox—University of Houston Student Center, 8 PM to Midnight
The Rogues—The Vault, Pasadena, 7:30 to 11:30 PM

The Viscaynes—Electric Tangerine Life Machine Teen Club, 10650 Hirsch Road
fever tree—Living Eye
Triumphs—Conroe Ball Room, 8 PM to Midnight
Starvation Army Band—Love Street, 8:30 PM to 3 AM

SATURDAY
The Blox—Mount Carmel High School, 8 PM to Midnight
The Sound Investment (formerly **The Dimensions**)—Foley's Town Hall Downtown, Buddy McGregor Show, 11 AM to Noon
The Rebellers—Sea Isle, Galveston, 8:30 to 11:30 PM
The Sound Investment (formerly **The Dimensions**)—American Legion Hall, Alvin
The Entire Thing—Sea Isle, Galveston
The Viscaynes—Electric Tangerine Life Machine Teen Club
fever tree—Living Eye
Thursday's Children—Surfsider, Freeport, 2 to 6 PM; Grand Pari, Bay City, 9 PM to 1 AM
Starvation Army Band—Love Street, 8:30 PM to 3 AM

ly he received a gift from her. Shows that there are some kind, considerate people around who don't forget a favor.

Two groups have changed names recently. **The Dimensions** have become **The Sound Investment** and expect their first national release out this week.

The Sandpipers, another very popular group in this area have become **The Clique**. They've cut "Splash I" from **The Elevators'** album and it's my sneak this week.

The most talked about record around these days is **Bobbie Gentry's** "Ode To Billy Joe." She called and told me it is her first attempt at singing. She really is most interested in writing, but when she made the demo record they signed her as an artist. Either way she goes, a new star is born.

It is an excellent capsule comment on a certain segment of society. If you've ever sat at a real country dinner table, it will hit home with you. If not, it still is an intriguing piece of writing and singing.

Everyone wonders what they threw off the bridge in the song. I think it was a baby, which is a common theme in Southern murder ballads. What do you think?

Those of you who are complaining to me about the price of **Monkee** concert tickets should complain to KNUZ. They'll see that it gets to the proper people. I agree that it is a bit much for them to charge more than **The Beatles** did when they were last here. It is also a bit much for them to ask me for free publicity and at the same time tell me they don't have time for an interview.

See you next week.

SCOTT'S SNEAK OF THE WEEK: Watch for it on **The Larry Kane** and **Chuck Dunaway** shows—"Splash I" by **The Clique** (Cinema).